

BEFORE
THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
OF SOUTH CAROLINA
DOCKET NO. 2019-253-T – ORDER NO. 2019-
_____,2019

Application of Strong Men Moving, LLC for a
 Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of
 Public Convenience and Necessity for
 Operation of Motor Vehicle Carrier

ORDER GRANTING CLASS E
HOUSEHOLD GOODS CERTIFICATE
STATEWIDE AUTHORITY

This matter comes before the Public Service Commission of South Carolina (“Commission”) on the Application of Strong Men Movers, LLC (“Applicant” or “Strong Men Movers”) to amend its Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity (“CPC&N”). Applicant seeks a CPC&N with authority to move household goods throughout the state. Notice of this Application was timely published pursuant to S.C. Code Reg. 103-132 on July 24, 2019. No third parties intervened, and a hearing on the Application was held on September 23, 2019.

The parties at the hearing were the Applicant, represented by Charles L.A. Terreni, and the Office of Regulatory Staff (“ORS”), represented by Jenny R. Pittman. The ORS informed the Commission it did not oppose Strong Men Movers’ Application.

Strong Men Movers called its President, John H. Wisniewski, as a witness. Mr. Wisniewski is the sole member and organizer of Strong Men Moving. He has been employed as a landscape artist and more recently as a household goods mover.

Mr. Wisniewski believes South Carolina’s rapid population growth will provide an opportunity for his household goods moving business. Mr. Wisniewski plans to reach customers by advertising in newspapers, social media outlets, and by word of mouth. He does not have any

outstanding orders or court judgments against him and agrees to comply with the Commission's rules and regulations.

Applicant is exempt from having a safety rating from the U.S. Department of Transportation. Mr. Wisniewski also testified: there are no complaints or judgments against him or Strong Men Movers; he has adequate equipment and facilities to provide moving services and has adequate financial resources. Strong Men Movers has obtained appropriate insurance. Applicant will use the tariff and bill of lading approved in with this application. Applicant certified that it is familiar with and will comply with all applicable statutes and regulations. Strong Men Movers has purchased a truck and will have two employees with prior experience in the moving business. Mr. Wisniewski plans to grow the business gradually over the next five years.

Applicant submitted the affidavit of shipper witness, Matthew Rubin, President of Mr. Marketing in Charleston, which was given prior to the hearing with permission from the Commission. Order No. 2019-112-H. Mr. Rubin, a digital marketing provider for 193 small businesses in Charleston, South Carolina, testified local movers have so much business they cannot serve prospective customers. Mr. Rubin said the public interest would be served by granting a CPC&N to Strong Men Movers. Affidavit, ¶ 5. Ms. Rubin is acquainted with the Applicant principal, Mr. Wisniewski, which he described as “a trustworthy business that has an excellent reputation”. Affidavit, ¶ 6.

The Commission finds Strong Men Movers has demonstrated that it is fit, willing, and able to operate a household goods mover under S.C. Code Ann. Section 58-23-330 and S.C. Code Reg. 103-133. We also find that the public convenience and necessity is not already being served by

existing authorized services. Therefore, Strong Men Movers Application for statewide authority should be granted.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED:

1. The Application of Strong Men Movers, LLC for a Class E (Household Goods) Certificate of Public Convenience and Necessity is approved for the Applicant to transport household goods to points and places throughout the state.
2. Upon compliance with S. C. Code Section 58-23-10 *et seq.*, and the applicable regulations for Motor Carriers, a Certificate will be issued by the Office of Regulatory Staff authorizing the motor carrier services granted herein.
3. The motor carrier's services authorized by this Order will not be provided prior to compliance with the above-referenced requirements and receipt of a Certificate.
4. Failure of the Applicant to either 1) complete the certification process by complying with the Office of Regulatory Staff requirements within ninety (90) days of this Order, or 2) to request and obtain from the Commission additional time to comply with the requirements stated above, will cause this Order granting the Application to be null and void, and the Application will be dismissed without prejudice. No further order of this Commission is necessary.
5. Under the two-month reporting requirement continued in Order No. 2014-443 (May 21, 2013), the ORS is requested to furnish the name and docket number of the Applicant to the Commission, should the Applicant fail to meet the present Order. If such notification is provided, the docket will be closed.

6. This Order will remain in full force and effect until further order of the Commission.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION:

Comer H. "Randy" Randall, Chairman

ATTEST:

Justin T. Williams, Vice Chairman

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, **Carl E. Bell**, hereby certify that I have, on this 23rd day of October 2019, served the **ORDER GRANTING CLASS E HOUSEHOLD GOODS CERTIFICATE STATEWIDE AUTHORITY** for **STRONG MEN MOVING, LLC**, upon the parties listed below by electronic mail:

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